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1. FOLLOWING IS REPLY IN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM
MINISTER OF DEFENSE VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO SECDEF BROWN'S LETTER ON
THE NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM TRANSMITTED:

"MR. MINISTER AND DEAR COLLEAGUES:

"I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR MARCH 17 LETTER
CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE MEASURES UNDER
STUDY AT NATO.

"I SHARE YOUR POINT OF VIEW THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
PROBLEM - A LARGE SCALE PROGRAM WHICH WILL AFFECT THE
ABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE TO FACE THE MENACE OF THE
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"AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, I WILL ENSURE THAT MY
ASSOCIATES AND THE GHQ DO EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO FINISH
THE STUDY UNDERWAY IN TIME FOR THE SUMMIT NEXT MAY.

"COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. SIGNED: P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS."

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL IN FRENCH POUCHED SECDEF. OLSEN

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